



TWELVE SENIORS WIN MERIT HONORS



MBA Merit Semi-finalists caught in candid pose. From left to right (front row): Tommy Hudson, Henry Walker, George Copple, Tyler Apfel, Bruce Crabtree; (back row): Tommy Barton, Bill Davenport, Barrett Sutton, Richard Wallman, Jim Alderman, Brett Kirkpatrick.

On September 19, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that twelve MBA seniors have qualified as National Merit Semi-finalists. These seniors are ranked in the top one-half of one per cent of the nation's scholars and are among eighty-seven Middle Tennessee seniors who have received this honor. The semi-finalists are Jim Alderman, Tommy Barton, Tyler Apfel, George Copple, Bruce Crabtree, Bill Davenport, Tommy Hudson, Brett Kirkpatrick, Barrett Sutton, Henry Walker, Richard Wallman, and Pope Wilson.

Jim Alderman, an Eagle Scout, is participating in both Forensics and Debate, and is a member of the MBA Chorus. This year Jim has the privilege of being the first Art Editor of the *Bell Ringer*. He spends much of his time in a combo and hopes to attend Wake Forest.

Tyler Apfel, a member of the Dramatics Club and chorus, is a winner of the Rennselaer Polytechnic Award. In addition to this, he is Copy Editor of the *Bell Ringer* and also a member of Saint George's Episcopal Young Churchmen. His choice of college is Tulane.

Tommy Barton, another Merit winner, has been active in MBA activities and organizations since coming to MBA from Parmer School in the seventh grade. Always active in the M.B.A. players, his interest was rewarded last

year, when he was elected president of that organization. A fair scholar with great potential, his only previous scholastic award, an N.E.D.T. award, is certainly not an unusual award. However, he has won the dramatics medal for his devotion to the club. Special contributing editor to the paper this year, Tommy has been writing for the paper since the seventh grade. As one could guess, he wrote this article.

Tommy Hudson, manager of the wrestling team for the past two years, works as editor of the news staff of the *Bell Ringer* and as a staff member on the annual. He is, besides these activities, co-president of the Senior High Sunday School Class at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Brett Kirkpatrick, the Captain of the wrestling team, is president of the Senior Class and the Student Council this year. Last year, he won the Award for the Best Citizenship in the Junior Class and for the Outstanding Wrestler of 1967-68. Brett, co-editor of the *Bell Ringer* and a member of the organizations staff of the *Bell*, was selected to Totomoi, the honorary fraternity at MBA, as a Junior. As a member of the wrestling team, he was first in both the city and the region, and third in the state in his weight class. Brett is Vice-President of the Forensics

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Assembly Speakers Brighten Mornings

On Monday, September 9, Dr. Wayne Bell, the minister of neighboring Vine Street Christian Church, addressed the M.B.A. student body. As he has for the past several years, Dr. Bell sent our attentive scholars into the coming year with an inspiring message. His subject was today's youth's dilemma in finding his purpose in life, and his attempt to sort out the truth from the many complexities of modern society.

On Thursday, September 26, M.B.A. was visited by two Junior Achievement Representatives: Mr. Webber V. Hudson, Executive Director of J.A. for the Nashville area; and Mr. Dave Maddux, former Vanderbilt football great, currently working for the Athens Paper Company. They explained and highly endorsed this youth program, which teaches the principles of the free enterprise system. M.B.A. students have long been active in this effective and worthwhile organization.

On Tuesday October 1, MBA welcomed the Reverend Don Reeves, minister of Education at First Presbyterian Church. Explaining that whenever he talks in a serious vein, nobody ever takes him seriously; Mr. Reeves proceeded to enlighten the student body with little-known information concerning the faculty. These tidbits included: "Recker Rule" and his bare-handed car demolitions; "Muscles Meriwether" who hangs by his toes and catches "High Wire Hollins"; "Mangler Mitch-

ell," our very own Hell's Angel; "Lugger Lowry," the winsome reptile wrestler; and last, but not least, our mirror-toting flower child, "Narcissus Nelson." He climaxed his speech with the truly intimate story of the romance between Mr. Carter, Mrs. Carter, and a horse.

On Thursday, October 3, MBA was graced by the presence of four lovely and talented young ladies. Connie and Nina Couch, and Connie and Susan Klatte compose the "Nadine Singers." Although they had deleted their infamous "Shake It Up Doggie" from their repertoire; the girls proceeded to play and sing their way, for the second straight year, into the hearts of the students. We echo the sentiments of Mr. Carter, though in slightly different context, when he said: "It is a pleasure to see long hair on girls, for a change."

On Friday, October 4, Mrs. Leonard Brittain, Mrs. Jack Dale, and Mrs. John Milam, able representatives of the Ladies' Auxiliary, announced the MBA Spaghetti Supper, which is to be held in conjunction with the MBA Homecoming on October 18. Mrs. Dale explained the sales of the supper and raffle tickets, and mentioned the various class and individual competitions. Mrs. Brittain presented the various prizes for the raffle. These prizes, donated by various companies and individuals, include: a speedboat, a portable color TV, a vacation for four in Davtona, twenty-five gallons of

gas, footballs, articles of clothing, household appliances, and other useful products. The winners of the various ticket sales contests (seventh vs. eighth grade, ninth vs. tenth, eleventh vs. twelfth) will receive a holiday the following Monday. The winners of these contests will be announced during halftime tonight.

New Library Opens

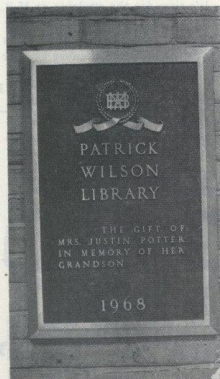
Montgomery Bell Academy was recently endowed with funds to build the Patrick Wilson Library. The construction was completed in May, 1968, and many furnishings were added later to provide better facilities for the students and faculty members. The wide selection of research and study materials has provided an extra aid to the many students who have used this building during the early part of the school year.

The main library room contains a large number of private study booths in addition to the shelves of books and periodicals. The wide variety of references allows the student to find information about many topics. The addition of a copy machine to this room has provided a great help to students wanting duplicates of information in the library. This device has already been used very frequently by desperate seniors, among others. Adjacent to the main room is the M.B.A. History Room, a beauti-

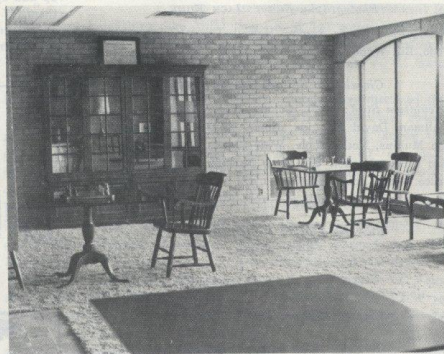
fully decorated room for meetings of the various school clubs and organizations. Special features of this room include "Captain's" Chairs from various colleges, a display case from various school artifacts, and two chess sets. Although the game presently provides an escape from the dullness of study, the numerous wars engaged on the chessboards in their room have prompted speculation on the organizing of a chess club.

The balcony, surrounding the

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Plaque adorns new library entrance hall



MBA History Room lies dormant in early morning hours. For further explanation, see page seven.

Off and Running

Twelve merit semi-finalists, nine letters of commendation, an excellent football team, and an abundant supply of student enthusiasm promise to make the one hundred and second year for Montgomery Bell Academy one of the best ever. We begin this year with the largest senior class in history. Sixty-seven strong, the class of '69 has had an unusually low attrition rate during the last four years. It now promises to fulfill its great potential as a class with that unique combination of athletes, scholars, and spirit which make for a successful year.

In order to continue our success, however, the whole student body must stay united in purpose and action. This year, MBA will be fielding first-rate teams in every sport, all of which deserve full support from the student body. Likewise, our Dramatics, Forensic, and Service Clubs can all have successful programs with the talent available and the enthusiasm of the students. Congratulations for a fine start; we've never done better. Keep up the good work, and let's make this the best year ever at Montgomery Bell Academy.



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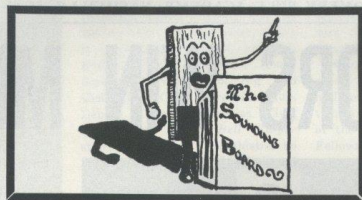
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Editor's note: The editors of the *Bell Ringer* are proud to announce that for this year "Sounding Board" will be a regular feature on the editorial page of this paper. This column, as its name implies, will provide a forum for student opinion. Students are urged to express their own opinions or to reply to opinions already presented. This column is in no way intended to reflect any official policy of this newspaper or the school. We welcome any comments on this article to be written in the form of letters to the editor and printed in the next issue.



New Prophetic Voice

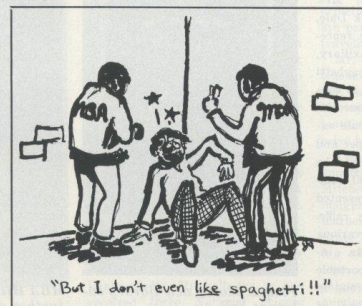
Dick Gregory Speaks Out

On September 27th at 4:00 P.M., the Vanderbilt Forum presented one of the candidates for the President of the United States. This candidate was Dick Gregory, the new prophetic voice of Black America. Gregory, a former comedian, gave up an income of over 100,000 dollars a year to work in the impoverished ghettos of our nation's cities. Until election day, Gregory will wear only work clothes in protest to the war in Vietnam. Gregory is probably the most controversial man of this time. He has been called everything from a Christ to an anarchist. The National Advisory Report of the Commission on Civil Disorders states that the cause of the riots in the spring of 1968 was white racism. The newspapers cried, "Extraordinary." Gregory said the same thing and they cried, "Extremist."

The facts and ideas of his are definitely enhanced by his cleverness and his sense of humor. Gregory is an emotionalist and a good one. However, one must distinguish between the appeal to the emotions and the logic set forth to get a true picture. Gregory says that America is an "insane nation." He says that the main problem of America today is not air pollution, but moral pollution. Mr. Gregory cannot be overlooked; he cannot be dismissed. He says that never before has there been such a group of morally committed young people than in the world today. He cannot be disregarded. He is begging the youth of America, black and white, Catholic, Jew, and Protestant to try to straighten this "insane nation." He is admitting that his generation has "fouled up" the greatest nation in the world, and is pleading for the young to unite and make it better.

The students of M.B.A. cannot dismiss this man as "some rabble-rousing, anarchist nigger." They must face the fact that he is not only calling to his black brothers but to his white ones also. The people of America get upset and angry at 16,000 young people coming to Chicago to voice their political views to make for what they think will be a better America. When these same people laugh at the fact that 10,000 businessmen line Wall Street to see a woman with a forty-three inch bust walk home, the United States of America is in trouble. It is up to the students of M.B.A. to make a move to use their capacity as future leaders in the community of Nashville to try to change this. It's time for the students at M.B.A. to wake up and open their eyes and see what is going on around them. If they see and are satisfied, then there is nothing anyone can do to change them because as long as man is complacent, he will desire nothing better.

Benjy Katz



Spanish Peril Exposed!

At M.B.A. we have a matter of grave cultural importance which has undoubtedly escaped the attention of the school's most ardent supporters. It will come as a shock to some of those who have believed that erudition is nurtured by everything in our curriculum, but it is an undeniable fact. MBA students are actually taking time to learn that useless and horribly *gauche* language known as Spanish. It seems that in spite of all the school's heroic efforts to show how socially unacceptable and simple-minded Spanish culture is, there are still those people from culturally deficient homes who insist on learning about it. I hope that this article will show at least one of these people the error in his thinking so that he can switch to French or Latin before his mind is warped beyond repair.

Let us examine the manner in which Spanish is now being taught. Ever since that time when we suddenly needed a new Spanish teacher, we have had a highly qualified, retired college professor teaching it. When you see this man, not knowing he is a Spanish teacher, you really think he is a fine, cultured gentleman. That is exactly why he is so dangerous! He can soothe our more sensitive boys with the fallacious idea that there are some respectable elements in Spanish society. Innocently they will learn the language, hoping to get some reward from the literature one day. Too late they will realize that they are learning to speak like *banditos* and dirt farmers, which, undoubtedly, is what at least 98% of all Spanish-speaking people are. Beware, future high-school students! This man has spent years learning to teach this junk so well so that he can keep you from getting a real education. (In his younger days, his nickname was "Pinky." I shouldn't have to spell out the implications.)



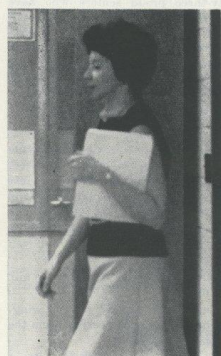
Those concerned about the Spanish threat have often comforted themselves with the fact that Spanish is taught in a small, ill-lit, and badly echoing room. They have missed the obvious fact that this is the perfect atmosphere for teaching the language of the shiftless peon, the person quite content not to raise himself from the mud. In such a place, it is a much shorter step from merely speaking the language to actually thinking like all those dogs down in Latin America. Furthermore, there might be a Pancho Villa somewhere in one of those classes, someone who could lead his class, conditioned by the aura of the room, on a rampage of senseless destruction. My suggestion, therefore, is to have Spanish taught in one of our more modern and respectable rooms with a picture of a miserable Mexican slum hanging in the front. It would discourage students from taking this subject too seriously, if they took it at all.

Some of you, perhaps, are puzzled by my violent objections to the Spanish language. Well, in the first place, it is spoken by a very large portion of the human race. As all of us MBA people know, the large majority of the human race is not worth talking to except for business purposes, and translators can be hired to do that. Second, Spanish-speaking people are well known to have contributed nothing important to literature that the students could derive benefit from reading. Do you think that, if it were important to know anything about Spanish writers, the MBA French students wouldn't know about them? Finally, Spanish is easy for Americans to learn, so naturally it is inferior to a harder language.

Nevertheless, I must admit that the ignorance of Spanish culture at MBA is still at an encouragingly high level. By giving French all the prestige it deserves and by putting Spanish in the background where it belongs, the school has probably persuaded scores of people to avoid Spanish. I take great pleasure in thinking about how this article will relieve the fears of most of those MBA parents who have the proper attitude about these things. After all, there are good languages and bad languages, and it takes mature judgment to know which is which. With interested parents and French students who are forewarned by articles like this, I believe that culture at M.B.A. can survive.

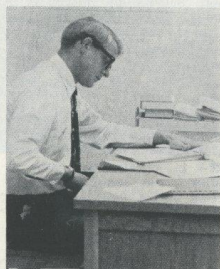
New Faces Seen On Campus

This year, the lovely prison walls of the Academy welcome six neophytes to the faculty of the school. Miss Mary Warden, who has already become a favorite of her students, holds the A.B. degree in English and the B.S. in Education from the University of Cincinnati, and the M.S. in English from Peabody College. She has had five years of teaching experience in Cincinnati, Ohio and has attended an NDEA Institute in English at Oberlin. She is teaching 3 classes of English I and 1 class of English III. Comments on her excellent teaching methods and "scrupulous" details have come especially from her third year class. All of the students hope that she will return next year.



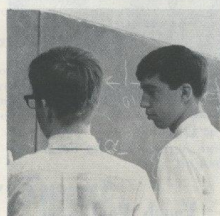
Miss Warden

Mr. Phil Condra received the B.A. from the University of the South and the M.A. from Southern Methodist University. Mr. Condra is teaching three classes of Freshman English and one class of eighth grade English.

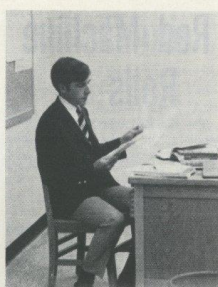


Mr. Condra

Mr. William Compton graduated from Davidson College with a B.S. in mathematics and has taken graduate courses at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Compton also has a busy schedule in teaching three Algebra I classes and one Algebra II class. His students already look forward to his classes every day because at the end of the week, each knows that his name will be on the demerit list.



Mr. Compton



Mr. Henderson

Mr. Henderson graduated from Vanderbilt in 1967 with a B.A. degree. His junior and senior years, he was in an overseas study program at Aix-Marseilles during the summer. After this, he taught at the International School, Tehran, Iran for one year. He is teaching Latin I and eighth-grade word wealth with us this year.



Mr. Holcomb

Another one of the new teachers is Mr. Terry Holcomb. Mr. Holcomb is sure to be busy while he is teaching here. He teaches three speech classes and two English II classes and holds a firm, unyielding hand over fifth period study hall with the tremendously firm help of Henry "Hip" Walker. He also is working with the Dramatics Club and the Forensic Team. He

Freshman News

This first month of school has been a good one for the Freshmen. From the long, drawn-out process of electing class officers, Al Whitsom has risen forth as our President.

The Freshmen Class is proud and privileged to have three of its distinguished members on the Varsity football team: Fred Fisher (12), Steve Todd (70), and "Specialist" Ernie Leonard (88). The Freshman team could, however, use the superstars.

Willie Farris is still very much in love with Wimpy. He thinks that nobody knows.

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received the B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University and has attended the University of Montana Summer Speech and Drama Institute.



Mrs. Marlow

Mrs. Hope Marlow is teaching 2 classes of chem-phys and 2 classes of physics. She received the B.A. degree from Vanderbilt University and the M.A. from Peabody and has taught 6 years in the Metro School System here in Nashville. Most of her students have had a "ton" of things to say about her but none of them should "bug" her.

Even though these teachers come in every size, color, and creed, and each has a different method of teaching or not teaching, it is obvious that everyone will learn something from one of them even if it is not too much.

junior news

The new cheerleaders have done a great deal to raise school spirit to a higher level—even Fred Guttman is cheering hard in the Friday morning pep-rallies.

We regret the loss of two members of last year's stalwart class, David Toma and Eddy Van Voorhees. They have left an enduring impression on the school, and we are sure that they will carry on the proud MBA tradition wherever they may be.

There has been some talk of forming an eighth period Junior Class Philosophy Study and Discussion group. Anyone interested in joining this group should turn in his name on a full sheet of parchment to either David Mackie or Don Curry.

Burkhalter: "She really knows how to fill up a bathing suit!"

Callaway: "Get off me Workman."

Steel: "Relationships like this simply do not exist around here."

Keeble: "It's a gas."

Regen: "Yeah, that's my little brother."

The Junior Class would like to give these prizes for outstanding contributions in their fields: one cat-o-nine tails to Mrs. Warden, one mirror to Mr. Nelson, one Hell's Angels' chrome-plated Weremacht helmet to Mr. Mitchell, and one Schwinn Corvette four-speed bike to Bill Floyd.

Workman's useless information: there are 22 square feet of skin on the average human body. (Bear this in mind next time you ask someone for some.) The human cannonball world record is 155½ feet.

CLASS NEWS SLASH PAINLESS

Class of '69

The season's first slanderous slash is dedicated to Felix Brown, who has been chosen by acclamation the new Senior Class advisor. Mrs. Lowry and Mr. Carter seem to be too tied up in getting seniors registered for tests and ready for college; someone had to be available to advise the fourth-year men on such matters as the proper length of sideburns, the proper place to take a girl when nothing "good" is going on, and the proper liquors to serve at the proper time.

As usual, the exploits of the seniors have started many rumors circulating among the underclassmen, and it is the purpose of this column to lend substance to them. The story that two of our cheerleaders will be married during the halftime ceremonies of the homecoming game is completely untrue, according to the preacher, Ray Manning. However, we think that Jeff Katz will be announcing his engagement to F. F. soon.

Congratulations to all seniors who have not yet received a call from "it"; your numbers are growing smaller.

Crabtree: "Yeah, what's the matter with it?"

Katz: "Boing!"

Davenport: "That is my side of town."

Copple: "I crave Hendersonville."

Vix: "But Mr. Carter, it's been scientifically proved."

Walker: "I hate girls."

Tygart: "Basketball starts next week."

Barton: ("I'd never say anything like that!")

Sophomore News

We start this sophomore year with many new additions, namely INDIGROID. We have all heard about J. T.'s trouble in Latin class; M. H. is also having troubles in Latin—he just can't seem to pronounce *Aiax*. We all hope ole M. G. has better luck next time. Big Rod, hope you get over your itch without D. I. scratching it for you. B. M. has gotten a great buy on a Sherman tank at a local army surplus store. Say, J. C., watch out for Big John.

Mr. Holcomb has disclosed that Cossette is a well developed character. We hope B. O. knows that Ban does wear off eventually. Hey, A. S., showers are free. Try one!

Congratulations to all the sophomores on the varsity. Ole T. M., after getting warmed up, really knows how to warm that bench.

Famous last words of Felix: "Ya'll gonna get demeritis if you keep wearing your hands that way."

Boom Boom says, "... apples, peaches, pumpkin pie. . ."

Zerfoss: "Whang . . ."

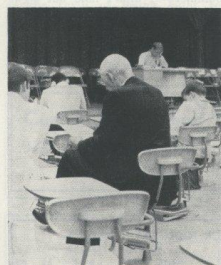
Seniors Take Responsibilities

The senior class privileges, long the bane of the underclassmen and the glory of the seniors, have taken on an added dimension this year. Senior privileges have always meant such things as a full period for lunch, studying outside study hall during 8th period, and slightly lower requirements for the Privilege List. Recognizing, however, that privileges go hand-in-hand with responsibility, this year's Seniors have taken on active roles in the effective administration

of the school Study Hall teachers are now being assisted by Seniors who may eventually take full responsibility of the study halls. These Seniors include: Berry Holt, Dave Alexander, Barry Banker, Robert Magruder, Henry Walker, Mac Pirkle, Gordon Peerman, Barrett Sutton, and Tommy Summers.

A new building, The Patrick Wilson Library, has greatly improved the study facilities of the school. Seniors helping in this edifice are: Bert Dale, Duke Rose, Bruce Crabtree, Ricky Barkley, Don Benson, Lee Beaman, Bud Curtis, and Jim Alderman.

The bookstore is being run by Howard Carmichael; Whit Clark and his associates Mac Pirkle and Tommy "Signpost" Brothers are the microbe referees. Finally, the Honor Room monitors include: Peter Power, Larry Brown, Richard Wallman, Steve Johnson, George Copple, and Dubee Dubuison. These seniors deserve a hearty commendation for the fine job they are doing. Leadership like this is indicative of an exceptional year at Montgomery Bell Academy.



The big switch: Holt takes study hall; Dr. Sager studies incognito.



Sutton so. A familiar sight on the football field as Barrett bursts through for short gain.

From the Scrimmage Line

by Barrett Sutton

Summer practice this year was extremely successful in two respects. First of all, by struggling through a week of two-a-day practices in 97-99 degree weather (thank goodness for the ever-present managers and their water bottles), the team got themselves into excellent shape. Second, since Coach Owen was able to keep about sixty boys during most of practice; those who were cut went down to the J.V. with much knowledge and experience, both of which will greatly benefit their future football at MBA.

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The team which would have been the most powerful MBA machine in the last three years never made it onto Frank Andrews Field with all its parts functioning. Out with a dislocated finger, quarterback Peter Power missed our scrimmage with Bowling Green. The loss of all-stars Bill Husband and Gordon Peerman in that scrimmage insured us, the seniors on this year's team, that our dreams for this year would never be fully realized. Most teams, having lost two players of such high calibre and experience, would face dismal prospects for their season; but the Big Red still can go all the way undefeated.

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Of MBA's first three games, Hillwood furnished by far the toughest opposition; yet they have just extended their losing streak to 36 straight games. Hillwood cannot win because they lack that intangible element that has made excellent football a tradition at MBA—a winning spirit. This spirit or attitude on a team is the result of several conditions: complete loyalty to and belief in one's coaches; harmony among the different personalities on a team; the confidence of each boy in his own ability and in his teammates; and the all-important PRIDE which keeps a boy from disappointing himself, his coaches, his teammates, or his fans.

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One of the most pleasing things about this year's early season play is the outstanding efforts and improvements of the new boys on the team. Bill Floyd, Bill Summers, Rob Barrick, Billy Frist, and Bill Peerman, among others, have all done extremely well. With the exception of hard-running W. O. "Colloid" Floyd, whose eligibility ends this year, all will return to lead next year's Big Red.

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So far this season, three parents have distinguished themselves as leaders of the Big Red Parents' Pep Club. For the third consecutive year, "Coach" Harry Denson leads the practice-watching parents. Through his observations and his counsels with the coaching staff, Mr. Denson keeps his fellow club members informed on what to expect from the team each week. Mrs. June Peoples has come up with the outstanding play for the BRPPC this year by being the first parent over the fence at the closed Bowling Green scrimmage. Finally, we wish to recognize Mr. Charles Burkhalter for his fine efforts in motivating his son Steve. Taking away Steve's "social privileges" before the season began, Mr. Burkhalter told Steve he would have to make great progress on the football field and in the classroom before he could have a date, or go to a fraternity meeting. Steve's outstanding play has shown the effects of this policy; after just two games, his privileges were restored—on a week by week basis, of course. Other active members of the BRPPC who attend practices and will be aiding "Coach" Denson include: Mr. Fisher (Fred's), Mr. Sutton (Barrett's), and Mr. Banker (Buckwheat's.) All BRPPC'ers are active on Friday nights when they consistently cheer the student body.

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From the Austin Peay-Western Ky. game, the most disturbing cheer I have heard in a long time: "Let's go P! Let's go P!"

Red Machine Rolls On

The Big Red started off the 1967 campaign in shaky style as they overcame a very determined and spirited group of Toppers from Banker's territory, Hillwood. The Big Red gradually felt out the highly underrated Hillwood football team; and finally in the third quarter, with a field goal by Jeff Peoples and a 29-yard touchdown by Barrett Sutton, the Big Red started up the ladder of success by defeating Hillwood 17-7. Outstanding in this game were Barry Banker, Barrett Sutton, Bim Glasgow, and Duke Rose.

After a shaky start the first week, the Big Red started the machine rolling by a convincing 3-0 victory over Antioch. The first string built up a good lead in the first quarter and enabled Coach Owen to take a look at the new boys on the team, giving them much-needed experience. Sutton

led the scoring with 3 touchdowns.

By the third game, the machine was really churning. The boys from Alexander's territory, Franklin, said that they had won moral victories the last two years; this year the tide turned. With touchdowns by Barry Banker (2), Barrett Sutton, Bill Floyd, Peter Power, and Rob Barrick, along with Jeff Peoples' 77-yard punt return, the Big Red sent the Rebels home crying. Thus, MBA mounted another step up the ladder to their goals.

MBA opened the "tough" part of its '68 season by defeating the highly-rated Pearl High Tigers 20-7 in an afternoon battle at MBA. The ever-improving defense limited Pearl to -14 yard rushing and only 37 yards passing. Jeff Peoples finally got the chance to shine offensively as he enjoyed

his best game of the year. Jeff ran for 67 yards, caught 58 yards worth of passing, and ran back kicks. His determined running was the spark which kept the Big Red rolling in this hard-fought contest.



Sutton snags Power(ful) pass.

MBA must now overcome Overton, MUS, Glenciff, Springfield, and Ryan to have another undefeated season. Every one of these teams is excellent, and MBA will have to play with more zip than they have shown thus far if they are to reach their goal. With thirty-three proud seniors who have never tasted defeat, the chances of MBA going undefeated and winning the Clinic Bowl are extremely possible.

"Unquote"

Here are a few misquotes from the undefeated seniors of MBA:

Denson—I was tired so we just went to Sally's house and watched T.V.

Peoples—I forget which school I visited this Saturday, but you should've seen the women!

Dale—Burkhalter's trying to mix me up.

Alex—They usually put us wing-backs as far as possible from the play.

Davenport—Hot dog! Hey! Hey! Hey! Red! Come on! Look good! Let's have some spirit! etc., etc. Woodcock—I'm the only one who got Bubis twice?

Hamilton—Who was she, Woodchuck?

Glasgow—Would you backs quit running up my back and look for a hole.

Power—I know you guys are tired, but . . .

Kenny Johnson—Yeah, y'all look good from the sidelines.

Sutton—I only made about two tackles the whole game.

Adams—I'm gonna kill that guy next play.

Rose—I've gotta get mean Foster—(silence)

Sharp—I'm gonna have to beat Denson out.

Brown—Size isn't everything, but I wish I was as big as Banker.

Banker—I wish I was as big as Peoples.

Summers—I didn't hold but eight or ten times this game.

All (together)—I'm gonna catch it at the film's, Sunday.

J. V. Starts Right

Although playing a demanding schedule this year, the MBA Junior Varsity has high aspirations for a victorious season. In their season's opener, they triumphed over Antioch's B-team by the score of 7 to 0. The only score came on a pass from Jay Ramsey to Gep Nelson in the second quarter. Three other tallies by Tad McQuirter, Teddy McCurley, and Bill Lashlee were called back because of penalties. When interviewed, Coach Riggins stated "I feel that our boys played an excellent ball game. I was most pleased by the overall team effort and the pride of these youngsters." Although part of the Varsity's third and fourth team played on defense, the J.V. went all the way on offense with almost complete domination of the football. In closing, Coach Riggins commented, "Although we were terrifically out-weighted by Antioch, as much as 40 pounds a man at times, our boys showed that they had the ingredients for a good football team. We found areas that we have to work on, but I was really pleased by the desire the team showed." Let us hope that Riggins's mighty midgets continue their winning ways.



"Wheat" Banker eyes goal line before leaving defenders behind.

Frosh Feel Loss

This year's Freshman football team, in its first two outings with Ryan and Clarksville Greenwood, was defeated by identical scores, 26-0. However the team came back in its next game to whip rival B.G.A. 7-6. With this win under their belts, the team now has a good chance of beating neighboring Hillsboro in its next game.

The head coaches of this year's team are Mr. Condra and Mr. Tillman. The individual standouts are Whit Holcomb, Tom Curtis, and Bob Lattimer on offense, and Damon Regen and Al Whitson on the defense. The hard-working managers are Billy Wells, John Pickens, Doug Andrews, and Dick Koonce, who all deserve credit for their contributions to the team.

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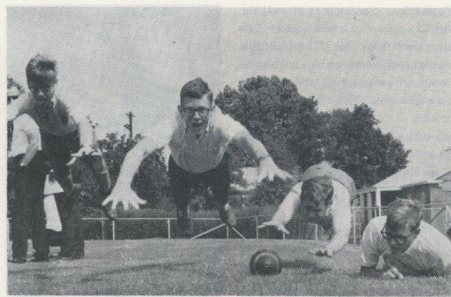
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From the Training Room:

Doodles from Doctor D.

—The M.B.A. varsity football team uses nearly four hundred fifty rolls of athletic tape during one season. That's 3.818 miles of tape per annum.

—The record for consumption of lemon-e tablets by a team is one thousand in one day by the varsity football team. (That's sixteen dollars of tablets). The record for consumption in one day by one person is thirty-nine tablets, a mark which was set by a swift-handed member of the 1968 track team. This quantity is 115 times the daily vitamin requirement.

—The training room is the social center of the gym locker rooms. The record number of people socializing at the same time in the room is a total of fifteen persons plus Wade Sutton.

—The ultrasonic machine, "Benson's Supersonics", on the training room wall, operates for a total of well over fifty hours a person for varsity football.

—Contrary to popular belief, Tommy Harris will be next year's tyrant of the training room.

—Believe it or not, Wade Sutton no longer hides under the training room tables to scare innocent, unwary players. In addition, he does not climb on the shelves of the equipment room to entertain the players, as was erroneously reported; however, he does this to shout certain amusing expressions through the shower vents. Next issue, there will be more exciting and original potpourri from Dr. D.

Summer Sweat Means Season Success

It is 9:00 on a mid-august morning. The temperature had passed 90° and is climbing rapidly. Most high school-age boys are still asleep, or are relaxing around the house, enjoying the last few weeks of pre-school freedom. A few, however, have chosen to spend their time in an altogether different manner. Clad in heavy pads, clothing, and helmets, they jog onto the football fields all over Nashville. Another day of summer football practice has begun.

Few people realize the amount of work a high school varsity football team does before the school year starts. Yet the team must be ready to play by the second week in September, and so the members of the team spend their mornings and afternoons going through plays, blocking, performing tackling drills, running sprints, and doing exercises. No one who has done push-ups in 98° weather could ever forget the experience, or the thrill of losing eight to twelve pounds in a practice. The work is hard, but at MBA, the result is worthwhile: a position on one of the best teams in the state.

Unfortunately, more people usually show up for practice than can be kept on the final team. Cuts must be made; and, as one might imagine, it is disappointing to work hard for two weeks and not make the squad. Still, those cut can console themselves with the fact that they have competed with probably the best football players in the state.

At last school starts, and each team looks forward to its first game. It is then that the effects of summer practice become evident. In MBA's case, it is obvious that the summer was spent profitably.

Steers Stampede

This summer, through the courtesy of the Flaming Steer Restaurant, M.B.A. fielded a team in the all-powerful Larry Gilbert League. The team, comprised of boys ages 15-17, was guided by Coach Bennett and Tom Demoss.

The season began with a twofold purpose—first, to give younger players a chance to play and develop and second, to win as many games as possible. Although the season began on a sour note, the team rebounded and immediately launched a drive that finally ended with the team finishing in 3rd place, only one game off the league lead. In fact, the pennant was not decided until the final game of the season.

Although the team was foremost in the minds of the players, individual accomplishments are not to be overlooked. Many players, such as Charles Tygard (.353), Sandy

Fall Tennis

With all but two lettermen returning, the MBA tennis team appears strong as ever. Mr. Tom Frist has given the tennis program a real boost by surfacing the courts with rubberized Lay-Kold. After several challenge matches, the varsity (first six) now stands as Henry Walker, George Copple, Dan Buttrey, Rip Trammell, Jimmy Stewart, and Edwin Milam. It is hoped that these players will be able to bring MBA its twenty-fourth NIL championship. Tennis trips this fall include visits to Chattanooga, Memphis, and Cookeville, to play such teams as Baylor, McCallie, Memphis University School, and Tennessee Tech.

Tennis is perhaps the most year-round of all MBA sports.

Courts Redone

Montgomery Bell Academy was given five new tennis courts by Dr. Thomas Pearu Frist, Jr., a well-known graduate of MBA. Dr. Frist graduated in 1956. During his school term, he was quite active in extra curricular activities. He was the tennis captain his sophomore, junior, and senior years. He played J.V. football his freshman year and varsity football through his senior year. Also active in basketball, he played on the varsity team for three years. Dr. Frist was secretary of his class and on the student council his sophomore year. As one can see, he was quite active and was also a very good student scholastically.

The new tennis courts were built by Sessions, Inc. They used gravel as a hard base with the Lay-Kold surfacing on top of that; then two coats of sealer were put on as the finishing touch.

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Fall tennis, coupled with the spring program, allows players to stay in shape from March to November, a condition which no other sport enjoys. The team wishes to thank Mr. Anderson for working with us this fall.

"New" G.A.

This fall many students are enjoying participation in a revitalized General Athletics program. The program, which is open to any student who wishes to improve his athletic ability, includes such activities as weight-lifting, basketball, touch football, volleyball, wrestling, and cross country. The program benefits any boy who has a sincere desire for improvement. Many boys who would not otherwise have an opportunity to play

basketball or participate in wrestling during the winter season now have the opportunity to do so this fall. In addition, many boys who participate in varsity sports have joined the program in order to ready themselves for the upcoming season. Now, these boys can work themselves into shape and have fun doing so. If the enthusiasm and spirit displayed by these participants carries over to the varsity sports, MBA athletics can expect to be greatly improved in the coming years.

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Cheerleaders Spark School Spirit

This year's cheerleaders, recruited from Harpeth Hall and St. Cecilia, promise to be the most interesting yet. "A girl's school makes you appreciate boys," one recently said; "it also makes you forget how to sit when you are with them." These are this year's eight girls:



Kathleen

Kathleen Patrick, a senior at Harpeth Hall, is the co-captain of the cheerleaders and is looking forward to attending either Vanderbilt, Kentucky, or University of Georgia. When not denying rumors that she is engaged (engaged in what?), she is denying rumors that she is an usher at the Crescent Theatre. She says that the way to her heart is through banana ice cream. Although she says she does absolutely nothing, her friends say she sings very well and



Ramsey, et al.

spends her spare time keeping her hair immaculate.

Ramsey Burton, a senior at St. Cecilia, has a secret desire to be an astronaut and the first woman on the moon. Ramsey, whose latent fear is falling off the stage, considers herself clumsy; she says that she turns red easily, like Margie and Judy. Those who know her should warn would-be callers not to get her confused with her uncle or cousin, who have the same name; and tell would-be suitors to watch out for the large German shepherd at the door. She is interested in diving and in Vanderbilt, and she cries at movies. For all this, she considers herself too normal.



Margie

Margie Shaffer, also a Harpeth Hall senior and captain of the cheerleaders, is an honors French student who plans to teach French and to be a housewife. Her college choices are Vanderbilt and Kentucky. In a more personal vein, Margie looks for sincerity, a good personality, consideration, and a good appetite in a boy. She likes to talk on the telephone; however, no one ever calls her. Due to her daintiness, her biggest problem is being mauled by bears, whence comes her nickname—Scagola. Although Margie claims that she doesn't, her friends say that she does (figure it out for yourself!).



Tina

Tina Cummings, nicknamed "T", is interested in attending either Trinity, S.M.U., or Millsaps, but her ultimate ambition is marriage. In looking for a husband, she puts consideration and conviviality high on her list of desirable qualities. Tina has trouble with her mouth (wisdom teeth), and she says her worries keep her awake at night; she regrets she has too much emotion, and she fears her freckles will converge in one big blotch. It is rumored that she won the most improved award at Cosmopolitan. If, when with Tina, you are at a loss for conversation, ask her about the time she fainted at Shoney's.

Judy

Judy Quinn, our "soul sister," was a hippie for a night in New

Girls for MBA?

One of the chief grievances of M.B.A. students has always been the lack of girls at our school. Although some femininity is to be found on campus, M.B.A. is not a coeducational school; and going to a school without girls tends to be disheartening at times. Let's face it—Mr. Mitchell in a wig, isn't exactly the zenith of sex appeal. There are pros and cons to the issue; most of the pros lying on the student body and the cons on the faculty.

Most students have a secret desire to have the school "integrated." It seems that the admission of girls to M.B.A. would improve overall school spirit and participation (How can one have a bad attitude in a school full of girls?). The photography club would receive many new members. No one would sleep in study hall. Life at school would generally be a happy one.

On the other hand, the faculty favors the view that the presence

of girls would only invite Folly, distract the student from his work, and lower M.B.A.'s academic level. However, so far, the arrival of our new lunchroom beauties has not had any determined effect on our study habits. And if B-B can't do it, nothing can. So we of the *Bell Ringer* propose this: a trial semester of coeducation. That way, if everyone flunks or if the girls turn out to be owls, we can forget the whole thing next year.



Cathy

Cathy Leinart, "Big C," says she is only wearing Berry's ring while he is painting. She is emotional, curious, and likes blue-eyed babies; her ambition is to get married and have a lot of children. She looks for consideration and a good time in a boy; she adds that she has found everything that she wants. She spends her time wishing her hair was longer.



Sally

Sally Dorris, MBA's returning cheerleader, is a well-known figure around campus. Sally, who works in the promotion department of Minnie Pearl Chicken, is, by her own admission, a brilliant scholar. Although famous for her affable disposition, Sally says that when provoked, she tells people what she really thinks of them; however, most people rarely realize when Dorris has told them off. Sally, who thinks the MBA cheerleaders are cute, looks for sweetness, huggability, and consideration in a boy. All this she hopes she can find at either Alabama, U.T., Old Miss, or Kentucky. When asked where she can be contacted, she adroitly replied that she drives her father's red pick-up truck.

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Club and secretary of the Dramatics Club.

George Copple has won letters in both tennis and basketball. He is circulation editor of the *Bell Ringer* and is on the sports staff of the annual. Presently, George is a member of the Presbyterian Youth Council. He hopes to attend Stanford.

Bruce Crabtree, a member of the Forensics Club, the Dramatics Club, and the Debate Team, is Layout Editor for the *Bell Ringer*. He is also secretary-treasurer for the Forensics Club and has been a member of the chorus since its beginning three years ago.

Bill Davenport, on the news staff of the *Bell Ringer* is a guard for the MBA Big Red and also participates in varsity wrestling. He attends Calvary Methodist Church. A very unusual personality, Bill labels himself as a "Surprise Winner".

Barrett Sutton has had an extremely good scholastic record at MBA, winning numerous honors and awards including nine academic medals, the A.P.S.L. Gold Medal in his Sophomore year, and he came in third in the State French Contest in his Junior year. Barrett was on the Honor Council in his Freshman, Junior, and Senior years and is another of those tapped into Totomoi last year. He participated in Freshman football and has been a member of the varsity football team since his Sophomore year, as well as participating on the basketball and track teams. For the last three years, he has been on the news staff of the *Bell Ringer* and has served on the sports staff of the paper for the last two years. This year Barrett is sports editor of the *Bell Ringer* and co-editor of the *Bell*.

Henry Walker is Editor of the *Bell Ringer*, having been Junior Assistant Editor last year. Henry has been a member of the Forensics Club and the Debate Team for four years and this year is President of the Forensics Club. For two years he has been a member of the Dramatics Club. Last year he won the Senior Declamation contest and spoke at commencement. One of his most outstanding achievements is his tennis playing; Henry has lettered in Varsity Tennis for four years. Last year he received the Paul Callis award for the most improved player and is currently playing number one on this year's team.

Richard Wallman, an Eagle Scout, has been in the Big Red club for the past three years. He is on the circulation staff of the *Bell Ringer* and played on the Freshman football team.

Pope Wilson, who we regret to say has moved to Pennsylvania, rounds out the Semi-Finalists from MBA.

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Gordon and Brett calmly await onslaught of class of '69.

Kirkpatrick, Peerman Share Driver's Seat

As the personalities of the month for the first issue of the 1968-69 *Bell Ringer*, we are fortunate to have Brett Kirkpatrick and Gordon Peerman, the presidents of the Student Council and Honor Council, respectively. As leaders of the class of 1969, thought to be not only the largest but also the best class in MBA history, these boys have the responsibility of leading the school to its best year ever.

Gordon came to MBA in the seventh grade from Parmer School. He was elected vice-president of his seventh-grade class and Honor Council representative from the Junior School in his eighth-grade year. He was then elected president of the Freshman class and an Honor Council representative in his sophomore and junior years. Last spring, Gordon received the honor of being elected president of the Honor Council for 1968-69 and being chosen co-editor of the 1969 *Bell*. No less impressive are his

accomplishments in athletics. Having sustained an injury in Microbe basketball, Gordon sat out freshman football but participated in track and basketball that year. In his sophomore year, he played varsity football, J. V. basketball, and track. Last year he was again a fine member of the track and J. V. basketball teams and was instrumental in the football team's state championship. This year, looking forward to a second state football championship, Gordon received another leg injury which has, unfortunately, ended his football career on the hill.

Outside of MBA, Gordon is secretary of Delta Sigma Fraternity and a member of West End Methodist Church. His college plans include a broad liberal arts college, possibly followed by medical school. Like so many MBA students, Gordon is searching for a Vanderbilt away from Nashville.

Brett Kirkpatrick came to MBA

from Percy Priest School as a freshman. His grammar school years were spent in moving back and forth between Nashville and Houston and in athletics. In swimming Brett admits, "I did okay" (he once held five state records.) As a freshman, he participated in football, wrestling, and track. He was a member of the Forensics Club and received the freshman speech medal. In the 1967 annual (his sophomore year), it is difficult to find a club that Brett was not in: Senior Honor Society, Service Club, Big Red Club, Hi-Y Club, Forensics Club, Debate Team, Dramatics Club, Photography Club, *Bell Ringer* staff, and chorus. In athletics he played J. V. football, wrestled, and ran track.

Brett's junior year leaves one wondering if he went to school at all. He was in the Big Red Club, Service Club, Forensics Club, Debate Team, and Dramatics Club and was associate editor of the *Bell Ringer*. He received an award for the best sports article in the *Bell Ringer* and was one of three juniors tapped for Totomoi. After placing third in the regional wrestling tournament for two years, Brett became the best wrestler in the city in his weight

group. He placed first in the city and regional tournaments, third in the state, and was elected outstanding wrestler of 1967-68 and captain of the 68-69 team. Brett topped off the year by being chosen outstanding Citizen of the Junior class and by being elected president of the senior class for his final year at MBA. In addition, he is co-editor of the *Bell Ringer*, secretary of Totomoi, vice-president of the Forensics Club, and secretary of the Dramatics Club.

Brett also finds time for extra-school activities. He is a perennial counselor at Boxwell Reservation, an Eagle Scout, Lodge Chief of the local Order of the Arrow Fellowship, and vice-president of sales of his Junior Achievement company.

The senior class could hardly hope to have boys with more outstanding records for their leaders. In addition to their talents and accomplishments, both boys have the warmth in personal relationships which have caused them to be recognized and chosen by the rest of the class. It should be hoped that these qualities of our leaders are backed up by similar qualities in the other students. If so, the school has a real opportunity to go somewhere this year.

The Belle



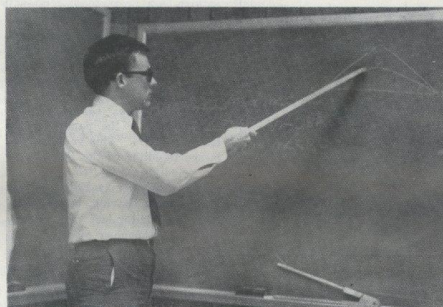
It is indeed an honor of *The Bell Ringer* to present Miss Margie Shaffer as this edition's Belle.

Miss Shaffer is a very active senior at Harpeth Hall, this year serving as president of the Triad Club, and has also been elected president of the President's Council. Margie has always been an active student. As a freshman, she was a cheerleader for the Triad Club. She served as a class cheerleader during her sophomore and junior years. She is also a member of the Speech Club.

In addition to all these activities, Margie has been a member of the Junior Classical League, the French Club, the Science Club, and a two-year member of the Glee Club.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church, Margie serves as secretary of her Church Council. She is now a member of the Kappa Delta Theta sorority where she served as pledge class president her sophomore year. Margie has served as a spaghetti supper waitress, and this year she was selected captain of the M.B.A. cheerleaders. Through these two activities Margie surely shows her interest in M.B.A.

Because of her outstanding personality and dedication to functions at M.B.A., it is with great pleasure that Miss Margie Shaffer be honored as this issue's Belle.



Mr. Mitchell quashes fly who had the impudence to land on his chalk board.

Mitchell Makes Mean Math

What person seen on the campus at MBA is the leader of the Hell's Angel chapter in Nashville? The obvious answer is Ricky Roark, but that answer is wrong. The correct answer is the seemingly mild-mannered mathematics teacher, Mr. James L. "Mangler" Mitchell. Behind his mild countenance there lurks a tiger in this, the tyrant of the 8th period study hall.

Mr. Mitchell was brought up in Bruceton, Tennessee, where he attended grammar school and high school. He graduated in 1960 at the head of his class, and came to Peabody, where he majored in mathematics and biology. After graduating in 1964, Mr. Mitchell taught at East High School for two years, and during the time he received his Masters degree in mathematics from Peabody. MBA has been fortunate to have Mr. Mitchell on its faculty since 1966. He is currently teaching calculus, senior math, and geometry. Many students do not realize the brilliance of Mr. Mitchell, for he has received three National Science

Foundation Scholarships.

MBA appeals to Mr. Mitchell because it is a small school, and because it demands a higher degree of academic excellence than public schools. Mr. Mitchell has also found the demerit system an excellent way of keeping discipline. He says that he gives one demerit a week on the average (although he gave thirty-six the second week of school). Mr. Mitchell lists his principal interests in this order: 8th period study hall, reading, and traveling.

Mr. Mitchell and his wife, who teaches home economics at Overton, have not decided their future. He hopes to someday teach mathematics at a small college and to receive his Ph.D.

Those of us who have had the opportunity to study under Mr. Mitchell will always appreciate his insight into different aspects of mathematics, and his teaching will prove invaluable to us when studying advanced mathematics in college. Therefore, MBA is proud to salute a man whom it respects and admires.



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